## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

## Please add the following new claim:

1. (original) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst comprising a composite oxide having a perovskite structure represented by the general formula (1):

$$A_{1-x}A'_{x}B_{1-y-z}B'_{y}Pt_{z}O_{3}$$
 (1)

wherein A represents at least one element selected from rare-earth elements which essentially include one or more rare-earth elements each having a valence of 3 as the only valence; A' represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals and Ag; B represents at least one element selected from Fe, Mn, and Al; B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements excluding Pt, Fe, Mn, Co, and the rare-earth elements; x is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation:  $0 < x \le 0.5$ ; y is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation:  $0 \le y < 0.5$ ; and z is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation:  $0 < z \le 0.5$ .

- 2. (original) The exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, wherein, in the general formula (1), A represents at least one element selected from La, Nd, and Y; A' represents at least one element selected from Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, and Ag; and B' represents at least one element selected from Rh and Ru.
- 3. (original) The exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, wherein y and z in the general formula (1) satisfy the following relation:  $0 < y + z \le 0.5$ .
- 4. (original) The exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, wherein x and z in the general formula (1) satisfy the following relation: x = z, provided that x and z satisfy the following condition: 2x = z when A' is Ag.

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5. (new) A catalyst composition comprising a composite oxide having a perovskite structure represented by the general formula (1):

$$A_{1-x}A'_xB_{1-y-z}B'_yPt_zO_3$$
 (1)

wherein A represents at least one element selected from rare-earth elements which essentially include one or more rare-earth elements each having a valence of 3 as the only valence; A' represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals and Ag; B represents at least one element selected from Fe, Mn, and Al; B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements excluding Pt, Fe, Mn, Co, and the rare-earth elements; x is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation:  $0 < x \le 0.5$ ; y is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation:  $0 < z \le 0.5$ .